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power to call us into special session. If we don't want to do more damage to any agency, including the university, than we already have done by passing LB 407, we just override anything he line-items out. And if we're not going to do that then we're going to close the gap and we'll have a special sessions. What we should be doing is giving ourselves every opportunity to meet whatever contingency comes our way. We must take into consideration what the Governor will do because he is the foe and it's foolish, regardless of how you might feel about that foe, to just disregard him. But we should not gear everything we do based on fear of what he might do. He would love nothing more than to see us over here cringing and cowering and wondering what in the world the Governor is going to do, admit defeat before the first shot is fired. We have all of our troops arrayed in battle formation and the Governor just comes out there and surveys the field and we waive the white flag and say we may as well quit now, Gov., because you're going to whip us anyway. Then what did we even go out there on the f.eld for? I am not a quitter. I like to think of myself as a heavy hitter. When the ball hangs in the strike zone, what does Barry Bonds do with it? He gives those people out there in McCovey Cove something to scramble for. We can learn things by analogy from athletic contests from games of chess, from card games, but whatever we need to look at or call on to put some calcium in our spine...I'd rather there be steel, but calcium is a big step upward from JELL-O...if we put some of that in our spine the Governor can do anything...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that he wants to. We have our force field. We have our shields that we can put up and he can fire away at us any way he wants to, with all due respect to Senator Tyson and his concealed carry bill. And in fact, I'd like to, if he's willing, gut his bill and do something really worthwhile for it. with it. But do you think he's going to give me his bill because I asked for it? No. We cannot just fold our tents and quit. The work is hard. This is the part of the session I love. We haven't even reached chaos yet and if we proceed as we are now we won't reach that phase. Thank you, Mr. President.